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Applicant : Nobuaki EMA  
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Examiner : Sang H. Nguyen  
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Notice of Allowance Date: January 14, 2005  
Title : VARIABLE-WAVELENGTH LIGHT SOURCE APPARATUS

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

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**CLAIM FOR FOREIGN PRIORITY**

This application claimed the benefit of a foreign priority application filed in Japan as serial number 2000-270408 on September 6, 2000. A certified copy of that priority document was filed on August 21, 2001. In an Office Action dated September 9, 2004, the Examiner acknowledged: (1) the claim for foreign priority; and (2) that a certified copy of the priority document had been received. Applicants note that the Notice of Allowability indicates that no claim for foreign priority has been made. (See Notice of Allowability, No. 4c.) The Notice of Allowability is incorrect on that issue. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request correction of this apparently inadvertent error and acknowledgement of the claim for foreign priority as well as receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

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### COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Examiner's allowance of the claims is appreciated. The Applicant submits the following comments concerning the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance cited in the Notice of Allowability. It is the subject matter of each claim as a whole that is patentable, not any particular feature recited in the claim(s). The Applicant does not concede that the reasons for allowance given by the Examiner are the only reasons that make the claims allowable and does not make any admission or concession concerning the Examiner's statement.

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Respectfully submitted,

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